

of the past, will not now forsake him in his great and overwhelming sorrow.

On Wednesday of last week a very sad and painful accident happened to Ruth, the little daughter of brother and sister Dooly. While playing in the fire with small sticks of wood, the little one's clothes caught fire, and her left arm and shoulder was badly burned and the left side of her face was scorched, but we are glad to say that she is getting along nicely, and we trust that she will soon be entirely well. Little Ruth is one of my Sunday school scholars and is a very bright and lovable child, and altho she has been a great sufferer during her illness, she has been very patient.

It gives us pleasure to announce that brother and sister Cassady are with us again, busily engaged in the work of the church and Sunday school. On last Sunday afternoon Brother Lyon conducted the services which are held every Sunday afternoon at the District jail, at which ministers from the different churches in the city give a short talk to the prisoners.

Brother Lyon still continues his personal work in the cause of Christ, and is untiring in his efforts to place the EVANGELIST in the homes of the members and friends of the Mission. Pray for us dear friends that we may increase in strength not only spiritually but financially, that the Mission in the near future may become self-supporting, a privilege which we are not yet able to enjoy.

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Chicago Mission.

The committee on "Evangelistic Work" of the Presbyterian church has this week held a meeting in this city that is noteworthy. The meeting was held in the Belden Ave. Church near the McCormick Seminary, and it was attended by several hundred students from that noted institution of learning. This committee was appointed at their General Assembly in Philadelphia last May. Its purpose and work seems to be, to put it in their language, "to stir up the ministers thru-out the church." Mr. John H. Converse the millionaire locomotive builder of the Baldwin Locomotive works, is the chairman of the committee. He is a layman. It appears that the committee was appointed at the instigation of the laymen, who were fired with a zeal for more "fire" in the evangelistic work. Strong speeches were made at this meeting for more energy and spirit in the work, and the speakers did not spare in their denunciations of those ministers who were hunting for easy places and fat salaries with not much to do. Among the laymen of note who gave the spirit of the meeting their sanction, was to be seen John V. Farwell, one of Chicago's millionaire merchants, and other men prominent in business and affairs. From the talks given by this committee and others present, one would almost conclude that the laity of the church were far in advance of her ministry, in matters of missions and aggressive work. Is it possible that the

ministry may burry itself in "creed revisions," and criticisms, reviews of the critics and writing memorials of great men of the past, and become oblivious of the *perishing millions* of the present day? It is a good indication when the laity take up the matter and stand squareley behind their ministers that are consecrated to the work and indeed it is a welcome relief to see them step in the front of the work and lead out in the evangelization for which the God of our Crucified Savior, with ample worldly fortunes, has blessed them, and with Holy Spirit power will consecrate them. Brethren I for one will not be jealous, if any of our prosperous brethren will organize an aggressive evangelistic committee to fire the church with missionary spirit.

Our little work is prospering. We feel nothing but praise for our Sunday school which is growing in spirit as well as in numbers. Last week the officers of the school with the pastor voted a contribution of \$15 for the general mission work and remittance was made from the Sunday school treasury.

We now acknowledge the receipt of a box of clothing from the S. S. C. E. of Mexico, Ind. which was received some time ago but we could not tell at that time from whence. But Sister Edwards of Mexico kindly wrote us. We also acknowledge receipt of a barrel of clothing from Milledgeville, Lanark and Waterloo since our last report. We wish to tender our thanks to the donors. There is considerable sickness now in the city. Two deaths within a stone's throw on our street to day. One is the mother of one of our Sunday school girls, which is sad.

Our Church Purchase

To the many friends who have helped both with their prayers and contributions, and those who have advanced the Board temporary loans, we wish to say our Secretary will publish a full report of all the proceedings and our exact financial standing now soon. We have been delayed some owing to the effort to obtain a loan at the very lowest rate possible. Our friends will not blame us for that. Now the loan has been placed, and in a few days know all about it. The contributions fell far short of the expectations of the Board. While some have been very liberal, others have written us that hindering causes have delayed them. In making up the "Guarantee Policy" the Chicago Title and Trust Co., which institution guarantees to use the Abstract and Title, sent one of their men and expert on Chicago real estate to look at the property. When looking it over he said, "You have here a property well worth ten thousand dollars and I should have supposed you paid that much for it." This is a statement from a man whose business it is to estimate values for an institution that passes on all Chicago real estate transactions. Brethren we needed this property. The Lord opened a way for us to get it. Conference said "purchase it." The transaction was made. It remains now for us to meet it manfully and with a Christian spirit. The Lord's

stewards have an abundance of his money. Let us pray that it may be consecrated by the Holy Spirit to that greatest work in all the world, saving the lost and hastening of the coming kingdom.

Will not every pastor in the brotherhood lay this work earnestly before his congregation and ask all to contribute to this work, send your contributions to Jacob C. Cassel, 915 Arch St. Philadelphia, Pa.

J. O. Talley.

N. B. In some clothing sent, we found a bunch of keys on a key ring. If the owner will write us we will be glad to send them to him.

Among the Churches

Salisbury, Pa.

The church is moving along quietly. At our last appointment one young lady came forward and confessed her Savior.

Baptism will be administered soon. Our last quarterly council, business was transacted that shall result in great good to the church, spiritually. Norman B. Keim was elected trustee, made vacant by Brother Beachy's removal to Kansas. A good man for the place, coming recently from the German Baptist church. Brother Barchus was elected Superintendent of our Sunday school. No better selection could have been made. The school is gaining in numbers and in power. A few more church members might find it very profitable and helpful to them, as well as prove a blessing to the church in helping in active work in Sunday school. Sorry to say our S. S. C. E. is at present dormant.

An Agreeable Surprise. On the eve of the 10th, the parson with his family, were made the victims of a complete surprise. We expected "company" that evening but not so large. Well the members of the Salisbury church quietly and quickly planned a neat surprise and gave us a "complete pounding." Coffee, sugar, canned goods, flour, maple syrup, well in short the tables groaned after they emptied their baskets and sacks of their precious contents. The larder now is well fixed for winter. Grandpa Livengood of the German Baptist church joined the happy company and placed in our hand a nice little sum of the ready cash.

While we greatly appreciate all these valuable and useful gifts from these dear brethren, yet we more highly appreciate their love and kindness from warm hearts, which prompted the giving. It shows that our efforts in ministering to them, tho weak, have been appreciated.

May the Master who said "It is more blessed to give than receive," bless and prosper each heart who so lovingly remembered us. Accept our sincere and heartfelt thanks and may the Lord bless each member of the church, not only temporally but in the deeper spiritual things. Come again.

L. A. AAZLETT.

Elk Lick, Pa.

Words of Sympathy

Since the fact of my wife's departure has become known, there has a stream of love and sympathy been poured in upon me, and some also remembering my daughter May. This is very sweet and precious, indeed I feel that I am not worthy of such regard and tenderness. Several churches have even passed resolutions of condolence and forwarded them to me.

I thank you brethren and friends, and would like to write you personal replies, but it would take much time. I trust you will regard this notice as a sufficient expression of my appreciation of your love toward me. May the God of all grace help me to maintain the same feeling of tenderness in the hearts of my brethren.

JACOB C. CASSEL.